

## STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

### Agenda Consideration

**TOPIC:** Approval for Proclamation  
Designating March 2004 as  
Youth Art Month

**ITEM NO:** 8F

**PREPARED BY:** Andrea Bengier *AB/p*  
Assistant Superintendent  
for Instruction and Technology

**MEETING:** February 24, 2004

**ACTION DATE:** February 24, 2004

Peter Vernimb *PV*  
Director of Instructional Services

Janet Payne  
Fine Arts Coordinator

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**ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT:** That the School Board approve the attached proclamation designating March 2004 as Youth Art Month.

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#### **KEY POINTS:** Youth Art Month Activities

- Countywide Fine Arts Festival March 20-21 at Brooke Point High School.
- North Stafford High School – Window painting displayed in the cafeteria all month; coloring contest with students and staff with prizes awarded throughout the month; senior artist interviews/video productions each Friday during announcements; and on March 10, National Art Honor Society T-shirt designs.
- Brooke Point High School – Display of National Art Honor Society group project: Public Art Project – CARS! Children's Work Area: Designing 3-D paper cars March 20, 10:00 – 3:00 and March 21, 12:00 – 4:00.
- Grafton Village Elementary – March 17 the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will construct puppets to perform puppet show for other classes at the end of the month. Date and time not yet available.
- Barrett Elementary will feature a Night of the Arts. Date and time to be determined.
- Fine Arts bulletin boards appear in every school. Special morning announcements quiz students on their knowledge of famous artists.

#### **SCHOOL BOARD GOALS:**

**GOAL 1:** Provide educational excellence through instruction that establishes high expectations for *all* students yet recognizes the unique needs of each learner.

**GOAL 3:** Encourage parents and the community to increase their interest and involvement in schools.

#### **FUNDING SOURCE:**

#### **AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE:**

# Proclamation

## *A proclamation to designate March 2004 as Youth Art Month*

*WHEREAS, YOUTH ART MONTH has been observed nationally since March 1961 and has gained wide acceptance; and*

*WHEREAS, children are our most precious asset; and*

*WHEREAS, childhood is the time to develop interests, skills, and aptitudes that will last a lifetime; and*

*WHEREAS, the importance of art in education is recognized as being necessary for the full development of all children;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Stafford County School Board on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2004, that March 2004 be proclaimed YOUTH ART MONTH in Stafford County Public Schools. We further urge all citizens to become interested and give full support to quality school art programs for children and youth.*

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Chairman

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Clerk